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SUBJECT: AD-70: FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDI-
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REF: A. STATE 85227

B. USNATO 2202 DTG 231840Z APR 74

1. ON APRIL 27, AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES DISCUSSED AC/281(DR)-WP(74)2 (SEE USNATO 2202). US REP DREW ON STATE 85227. WORKING GROUP FELT THAT IS PRODUCED WORKING PAPER SUFFERS FROM INCOMPLETENESS OR LACK OF NATIONAL RESPONSES. UK REP CHARACTERIZED PAPER AS HIGHLIGHTING DIFFICULTIES, IF NOT IMPOSSIBILITIES, OF COMING TO GRASP WITH A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF NATO'S DEFENSE EFFORT.

2. CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED DESIRE TO "TIDY UP" IS INITIAL DRAFT AND TO CLEARLY LABEL IT AS AN ILLUSTRATIVE PAPER BASED ON INADEQUATE DATA; WORKING GROUP AGREED. US REP SAID THAT COMMENTS ON GROWING WARSAW PACT THREAT WERE NOT SUBSTANTIATED
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ELSEWHERE IN PAPER AND HENCE SHOULD BE DELETED, HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT PAPER SHOULD PRECISELY IDENTIFY WHICH COUNTRIES ARE COVERED AND WHICH ARE NOT. CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD NOT BEGIN WORK ON TIDYING UP WP(74)2 UNTIL MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF

LANGUAGE FOR A SHORT SECTION ON DEFENSE RESOURCES FOR INCLUSION IN 1974 AD-70 SPRING REPORT TO MINISTERS HAD BEEN RESOLVED.

3. HENCE MOST OF DISCUSSION CENTERED ON WHAT POINTS ON DEFENSE RESOURCES SHOULD BE COVERED IN THE AD-70 REPORT TO MINISTERS (SEE USNATO 2141). CHAIRMAN SAID NO MORE THAN TWO PAGES COULD BE ALLOCATED TO DEFENSE RESOURCES. WG AGREED SHORT SECTION ON DEFENSE RESOURCES SHOULD OUTLINE AIM OF FUNCTIONAL/REGIONAL EXERCISE, DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED, AND PRESENT SOME OBSERVATIONS ON GENERAL TRENDS IN DEFENSE SPENDING. CHAIRMAN INTENDS TO DRAW ON INFORMATION IN WP(74)2 WHEN FEASIBLE, ESPECIALLY REGIONAL SUMMARY APPRAISALS. CHAIRMAN INTENDS TO HAVE DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN AD-70 REPORT TO MINISTERS READY FOR REVIEW BY WG END OF WEEK OF APRIL 29.

4. MISSION WELCOMES WASHINGTON PARTICIPATION IN EXPERTS MEETING TO PURSUE FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. CHAIRMAN SAID HE PLANNED TO CALL EXPERTS MEETING FOR JUNE 20. NO DELEGATIONS OBJECTED.
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